

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6:00 P.M., Monday, March 10, 2008

City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Fl, Room T847

San José, CA 95113

**MINUTES**

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Present

Yolanda Reynolds

Lane Parker

Donald Barnett

Marylou Avanzino

Jill Escher

Bob Halem

Council Liaison

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

City Staff

Ralph Mize, DOT

Manuel Pineda, DOT

Yves Zsuttu, PRNS

Absent

Corinne Winter

Lawrence deSantis

Luis Mendez

Jim Bell

Charlie Payne

2. **Approve Order of Business** – Approved.
3. **Oral Petitions** – An update was requested for the correction of the Tully/101 interchange
4. **Approve Minutes of January 14, 2007** – X moved and Y seconded approval of minutes.  
Motion passed 6-0-0
5. **New Business**

**a. City Tree Policies**– Mr. Pineda introduced Ralph Mize from the City's Department of Transportation. Prior to the presentation Ms. Escher requested that the presentation provide information on providing input as part of the City's Tree policies and development of new policies. Mr. Mize provided background on including type, removal, etc. Ms. Escher requested that discussion be focused only on street trees and Ms Reynolds requested information on building setbacks. Mr. Mize explained the requirements for Tree placements including distance, size, and setback concerns. He also discussed the preliminary survey completed that shows the City has 60,000 locations that need street trees. Mr. Mize explained that the latest discussion and community meetings have all been focused on private street trees because of some recent difficulties. Ms Escher expressed interest on new

policies to proactively complete more streetscapes. Mr. Mize explained that as part of the Cities Green Vision and Urban Accords the City of San José would like to fill 50% of our tree vacancies. However the funding for street tree planting and maintenance is heading in a different direction. Mr. Mize explained there is no current plan in place but we do have an inventory and standard for tree type and spacing. We are also looking at what we can accomplish working with City Forest. The city's full inventory will not be ready for 2 years however City Forest can work with neighborhoods now to help them plant.

**b. Airport Presentation:** Airport Staff was not able to attend and the presentation was deferred to next meeting

**c. Trails Program update:** – Mr. Pineda introduced Yves Zsuttu, the City of San José's Trail Program Manager, to present an update on the trails program. After providing an overview and update of the program, he gave the following responses to questions:

- It takes 4-10 years to complete a trail project – this is due to coordination, environmental, and financial realities
- VTA offers maps that show links between trails and transit stops
- An overview of the maintenance of the Hwy 87 trail
- The city's trail vision can be viewed at [www.sjpark.org/Trails/trailsindex.asp](http://www.sjpark.org/Trails/trailsindex.asp)
- The city would like to pursue public-private partnerships for trail construction and maintenance

## **6. Old Business**

**a. 2008 Bike to Work Day Planning** – Mr. Pineda requested input on the type of event BPAC would want to organize. It was agreed that they would pursue and “energizer” station and the VIP ride to City Hall. There was a request for a formal city letter requesting donations.

**b. Ped & ADA Sidewalk Master Plan** – There was a discussion on median, median breaks and crosswalks. This will require a future update.

**c. Crosstown Signed Bikeway Pilot Project** – Mr. Pineda reported that the signs were in the process of being installed. BPAC members requested a ribbon-cutting event to which City VIP and media would be invited. Mr. Pineda will communicate the request to Mr. Brazil.

**d. Wrong-Way Signage Pilot Project** – Mr. Pineda reported no new information. BPAC offered Ocala as a possible location.

**e. Bike Friendly Signal Detection** – Mr. Pineda reported no new information. BPAC members discussed providing possible locations

**f. Bike Lane Projects** – Mr. Pineda reported that staff continues to work on 4 or 5 project for next year

**g. VTA BPAC update** – No update was provided

**7. Staff Report** – No additional comments.

**8. Committee Member Comments** – There was discussion on a number of items

- BPAC request PED/Bike vehicle accident information
- BPAC requested a copy of the Bike Plan
- There was a discussion on standard bike lane widths
- There was a request for information on countdown signals
- There was a request to include BPAC priorities in the next agenda

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.